H. R. 934

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

July 16, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

AN ACT

To convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN SUBMERGED LANDS 2 TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN 3 MARIANA ISLANDS. 4 (a) In General.—The first section of Public Law 5 93–435 (48 U.S.C. 1705) is amended by inserting "the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands," after 6 7 "Guam," each place it appears. 8 (b) References to Date of Enactment.—For the purposes of the amendment made by subsection (a), each reference in Public Law 93–435 (48 U.S.C. 1705) 10 to the "date of enactment" shall be considered to be a 12 reference to the date of the enactment of this section. Passed the House of Representatives July 15, 2009. LORRAINE C. MILLER, Attest: Clerk.

By Robert F. Reeves,

Deputy Clerk.